



CITY OF STOCKTON

THE WEEK THAT WAS

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A Report from the City Manager

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SUMMER DISCOVERY CAMP AT STOCKTON ROD & GUN CLUB (Council Meeting Follow-ups of July 22, 2003--Vice Mayor Nomura)

At the July 22 Council meeting Vice Mayor Gloria Nomura advised that she had received a concern from a parent regarding the summer camp program being operated at Stockton Rod and Gun Club and the fact that there was no air conditioning at this location.

The City entered into an agreement in 1983, which was subsequently renewed, to lease the property to the Stockton Rod and Gun Club for the purpose of constructing and operating a "club" facility. The Club is responsible for maintaining the facility and pays the City a rental amount based on annual gross receipts. A provision of the lease agreement stipulates that the Parks and Recreation Department is allowed to use the facility at no cost for various recreational activities, including the summer day camp beginning the first week of June and continuing until school begins in August.

After hearing of the concerns expressed by Vice Mayor

Nomura, staff contacted the Stockton Rod and Gun Club president to assess the situation. The facility is actually cooled with two swamp coolers, but unfortunately, with the extremely hot weather recently, it was not enough to cool the facility. It was also discovered that one was not operating correctly. The Stockton Rod and Gun Club president had the swamp cooler which cools the area operated by the day camp repaired. In addition staff took fans to the location in an effort to minimize the heat. Recognizing these concerns, staff is making an effort to incorporate activities which require less exertion on extremely hot days, as well as scheduling field trips to either Pixie Woods or one of the city-operated swimming pools. (P & R)

HOTEL STOCKTON PROJECT UPDATE

Work on the Hotel Stockton Rehabilitation project is progressing on schedule. Inside framing of the apartments continues along with structural improvements such as the installation of the dampers which will provide better stability to the building during an earthquake. Improvements to the plumbing and electrical systems are also underway.

On the exterior the ramp which will provide access to the basement parking is under construction. The hole has been dug for the ramp and the actual construction will begin shortly. Ongoing projects are the exterior painting and removal and repair of the roof tiles. On some parts of the roof waterproofing material is being laid that will actually provide the protection for the building. Once this is in place then the roof tiles will be replaced. (HRD)

INSPECTIONS

An inspection was made at 904 Searchlight as part of the Single-Family Rehabilitation Program. The home is in need of repairs for dry rot and plumbing, painting, and the windows, doors and roof needs to be replaced. The house is over fifty years old and will require a lead-based paint assessment and historical review.

An inspection was made at 9529 Colington Place under the Emergency Repair Program. The heating and air systems were not operating. Estimates are being sought for the repairs. (HRD)

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

The Boys & Girls Club facility has completed the City-funded portion of repairs of the Stockton headquarters. The Cecchini Clubhouse received an allocation of \$35,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds as part of the 2002-2003 Action Plan approved by Council on April 30, 2002.

The City's CDBG funds were used to install a new heating and air conditioning system in the 43-year-old clubhouse which is located at 303 Olympic Circle. Additional grant funds were provided by San Joaquin County for a new hardwood gymnasium floor as well as the purchase of four pool tables, two air hockey machines, and 10 new computers and monitors for the clubhouse's computer lab. With all the new equipment and rehabilitation to the facility, the organization hopes to boost membership and regular attendance of preteen children from the low-income neighborhoods of east and south Stockton. The clubhouse provides after-school programs such as homework assistance and recreational activities to distract children from gang and drug involvement. (HRD)

NEIGHBORHOOD CURBSIDE CLEANUP

On Monday, July 14, 2003, 31 Violation Warning Notices were issued to property owners and tenants for junk and debris, i.e. appliances, large furniture, tires and wood, which were not picked up by the garbage company on Saturday, July 12th. Upon re-inspection 24 to 48 hours later all but two piles remained in the street. Neighborhood Services issued Administrative Citations to property owners and abated the piles. (HRD)

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES CLEAN SWEEP

Neighborhood Services staff began their re-inspections July 21, 2003 in the South Souza Stribley area of the original violations noted during the initial sweep conducted in June. Of the original 430 Violation Warning Notices issued to property owners and tenants, only 86 were given Administrative Citations for noncompliance. That is approximately an 80 percent compliance rate, which is very high for our Neighborhood Sweeps. Thirty-two (32) Administrative Citations were issued for substandard housing conditions and seventy-five (75) for public nuisance/blight issues. A total of 3,479 sq. ft. of graffiti was covered. Of the original 273 vehicles posted for inoperable/ damaged or abandoned, only twelve (12) remained and were towed by staff. (HRD)

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES MONITORING

This week the update is from Gateway District, which is bounded by Harding Way, Union Pacific Railroad, BN & SF Railroad and Rough & Ready Island. This area includes the Magnolia Historical District and the Downtown Commercial areas.

Downtown-Commercial area

The owner of a vacant lot in the 400 block of East Miner Avenue was issued a Violation Warning Notice for overgrown weeds on the property. Two properties in the 600 block of Channel Street were cited for junk and lack of yard maintenance and a third property in the 700 block of Channel Street was also cited for overgrown weeds. A commercial building in the 500 block of East Market Street was cited for deteriorated exterior paint.

Magnolia/Midtown area

Continuing monitoring in the Midtown area has resulted in additional properties being issued Violation Warning Notices for lack of lawn maintenance and other property maintenance issues. In approximately two months, a total of 91 properties have been cited, with 42 now in compliance. Of the remaining properties about half have been issued monetary citations and the others still have time to comply.

Staff responded to a call from the Police Department needing Code Enforcement at a residence in the 500 block of North American Street. Upon conducting a welfare check on the tenant the Police Department had discovered unsanitary conditions inside the unit. At the last inspection the unit was vacant and it is being treated for the cockroach infestation.

Pixie Drive

Neighborhood Services performed an abatement on the vacant property in the 2800 block of Pixie Drive. High weeds and debris were removed from the yards and the property owner has been sent the invoice which includes additional administrative fees. Three more properties in Doray Court have been brought into compliance; these had been given extensions to repair broken up driveways and a complete paint

job. Another owner of a property in the 2700 of Pixie Drive has been issued a Violation Warning Notice for lack of landscaping maintenance.

Silos at South Ventura Avenue

The demolition of the silos is progressing and completion is expected within one month. A large vacuum truck is continuing to empty the fly ash contained inside the silos and once completely empty the demolition can be completed. Neighborhood Services is monitoring the work to ensure that it progresses as smooth as possible.

Collapsed carport

Code Enforcement staff responded to a referral from the Fire Department concerning a collapsed carport in the 1800 block of West Acacia Street. Upon arrival staff found a four-car carport completely collapsed, damaging a total of six vehicles. No injuries were reported and the property owner had the fallen structure removed from the property within 48 hours. (HRD)

STREET RESURFACING

Microsurfacing work began Monday, July 28, in North Stockton. This work is part of the contract for 45 miles of microsurfacing which was approved by Council in May. This work will continue into September. Application of rubberized chip seal on Barrymore Street, Pennington Court, Longbarn Way, and Hazelwood Avenue is scheduled for Friday, August 1. As previously reported this project is a trial use of an alternative treatment that has potential for use on many of the City's poor condition local streets. Each of these streets will be microsurfaced shortly after application of the rubberized chip seal. (PW)

NORTH STOCKTON POLICE STATION

Diede Construction has substantially completed both the building interior and site exterior demolition. Excavation revealed an unexpected concrete foundation underneath most of the existing sidewalk around the building. In order to prevent a project delay and minimize the additional cost Public Works staff issued a field order to Diede who then completed the removal of the foundation concurrently with site demolition work. A change order in the estimated amount of \$11,000 is being processed.

Diede is currently working on interior framing, rough electrical, rough plumbing, and layout of the new building pad for the new police locker room area. They also started drilling the pier foundations and fabrication of steel rebar cages for the cement masonry wall to be constructed along the north property line.

The public artist also recently met with specific subcontractors to coordinate the integration of artwork into the wrought iron fencing and the brick planter walls near the front of the building. The fence and masonry subcontractors provided help in practical methods of integrating the artwork and insight into the schedule requirements. (PW)

HAMMER LANE PHASE II AND WEST LANE WIDENING PROJECT

DeSilva Gates Construction (DSG) has completed the installation of the curb and gutter along the south side of Hammer Lane between Tam O' Shanter and Lorraine and on the east side of West Lane between Swain Road and Hammer Lane. DSG has also completed the majority of paving in the widened areas between the existing roadway and the new curb and gutter along these same sections of both Hammer Lane and West Lane. DSG is now proceeding with the installation of the new concrete sidewalks in these areas.

DSG plans to move their construction operations to the north side of Hammer Lane and the west side of West Lane in early August. Final completion is currently scheduled for Spring 2004. (PW)

POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLS/INCIDENTS

During the period July 24-30 the Stockton Police Department handled 6,831 calls for service, incidents, and/or reports. (POL)

COMMUNITY HEALTH ACTION TEAM (CHAT)

The CHAT conducted a preliminary inspection of a 26-unit complex in the 700 block of North Sutter. Numerous violations were found and a Notice to Repair will be issued. Code Enforcement continues to follow up on active cases. Six inoperative vehicles were cited in RD 116. Four arrests were made for possession of drug paraphernalia. Nine abatements were opened and one was closed. (POL)

GANG STREET ENFORCEMENT TEAM (GSET)

During July 21-27 the GSET conducted 103 field interviews; made 5 felony, 2 misdemeanor, 1 felony warrant, and 3 misdemeanor warrant arrests; issued 23 citations; towed 7 cars; made 31 traffic stops; did 1 probation search; and confiscated 5.5 grams of crystal meth, and 2.5 grams of marijuana. Year to date 2003 the GSET has confiscated 61 guns and 380 guns since its inception. (POL)

D.A.R.E./NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

School Resource Officers conducted two DARE graduations during the month of July, with 95 students participating in graduations. Members of the Special Services Section hosted 15 Neighborhood Watch meetings during the month of July. (POL)

PANHANDLING

In response to numerous complaints the Police Department received recently regarding an increase in transients aggressively panhandling throughout the City, they have issued 113 citations since January 2003. Many of the transients have indicated they are moving into the north part of town because citizens are feeding them. The Department will continue to respond to these complaints and take necessary enforcement action. (POL)

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

On July 25, at approximately 11:15 p.m., Officers responded to a traffic collision involving a single vehicle and a pedestrian at Airport and Twelfth. The female victim was transported to the hospital where she died of her injuries. The following day, at approximately 9:15 p.m., Officers responded to a collision involving a Harley Davidson motorcycle and a Hyundai car. The driver of the car was making a left turn from eastbound Harding onto Cemetery Lane when she collided with the westbound motorcycle. The 30-year-old motorcycle rider sustained head injuries and died in the hospital two days later. Both collisions are under investigation. (POL)

D.U.I. ARREST

Last Sunday night a Police Sergeant observed a vehicle speeding eastbound on Maple. The vehicle stopped at Maple and El Dorado as the Sergeant pulled up behind it but the driver fled on foot. Officers spotted the suspect on a rooftop and ordered him to come down. The suspect fell approximately 15 feet from the roof and sustained a head injury. He had a preliminary blood alcohol level of .25 and was arrested for DUI. He was treated at a hospital for his injury, which was not life threatening. (POL)

BANK ROBBERY

A man with a backpack displayed a handgun and demanded money from a teller at Guaranty Bank on West March Lane, on July 28. The robber placed the money in the backpack and ran to a waiting vehicle. The suspects drove westbound and a witness saw one of the men holding a "smoking" backpack out the passenger-door window. A short distance later, the suspect dropped the backpack, where it was recovered with the money and exploded dye pack. (POL)

SUICIDAL SUBJECT

At approximately 11:30 p.m. on July 28 Officers were flagged down by a subject from the White House Motel on South El Dorado, who advised them of a trucker in a loaded 18-wheeler who was mentally unstable and locked in the cab of his truck. He would not respond to Officers' requests to exit the truck or shut off the engine. Spike strips were deployed to keep the truck in place, as the driver tried leaving. Officers negotiated with the trucker for over three hours but he refused to do anything but write notes and shout unintelligible phrases. The man said he wanted Officers to kill him. At 2:45 a.m. the man suddenly jumped out of the truck and ran at Officers, screaming at them. Officers shot him with a taser gun and took him into custody. Family members and the man's employer were contacted on the East Coast, who indicated the driver has had numerous recent personal problems and had been using crank. (POL)

ARSON ARREST

On July 29 the manager of the City Motel, located on North El Dorado, told a subject that she was being evicted. A disturbance followed with the subject pushing the manager. Officers talked to the manager and went to the motel room to speak with the suspect but she refused to open the door. Officers saw flames inside the room and had to break out the front window in order to pull the woman to safety. Officers contained the fire until the Fire Department arrived. An investigation determined the woman had used matches to set the mattress on fire. (POL)

PROSTITUTION MISSION

A prostitution mission was conducted on July 30 from 2:00-10:00 p.m. Nine males were arrested for solicitation of prostitution and five vehicles were seized. (POL)

GOLF UPDATE

The staff at Van Buskirk are adding another tee to the number seven hole that will create a par 6. Golfers will still be able to play the hole as it was originally designed, as a par 5. Entries look promising for the City Tournament that will be held on August 2nd and 3rd at Swenson and Van Buskirk. So far we have over 70 people for the handicap flight and over 50 people for the championship flight. The final numbers will be in by Wednesday when the pairings are completed. Bids are being considered for a new fence that will be installed behind the driving range at Van Buskirk. Golfers are hitting over the range and causing a safety hazard to those playing on the #8 hole.

(P & R)

McKINLEY UPDATE

This week was Summer Splashes week at McKinley and other summer day camp sites. Some of the activities included a daily nature walk, daily breakfast and lunch, Peanut Carnival practice, Girl Scouts, corner tag, blind man, musical chairs, swimming, a visit to the Oak Park Ice Arena, a guest speaker from Water Waves, a trip to Weber Point, water balloon toss, water gun contests, sports, and more.

Junior Giants practice and league games continue at McKinley. Daily practices start at 5:30 p.m. and league games on Saturdays begin at 10 a.m. All volunteer coaches are having a great time teaching the little ones the basic skills of the sport. The "big" kids are having a ball by just having fun without the pressure of having to win all the time.

Twenty-one McKinley teens took a trip to Marine World Saturday, July 26. The teens raised their own money to pay for transportation and admission to Marine World. They rode all the mechanical rides, watched all the animal shows, and ate a free lunch sponsored by the Mexican American Nature Lover's Association (MANLA).

(P & R)

SPORTS LEAGUE UPDATE

Softball League 3 began this week, with 236 softball teams registered & playing. League 2 had 227 teams. A new league has been formed - 15 girls fast pitch teams are playing on Thursday nights at Louis Park with four divisions for ages 12-18. The National Softball Association (NSA) held their World Series at Regional Park, with 40 girl's teams playing Monday through Friday. This Thursday & Friday and Saturday staff is assisting the City of Manteca as they host an America Softball Association (ASA) National tournament at Regional.

(P & R)

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

Lowe's Hardware is making arrangements to host a Fire Safety Fair in the Children's Museum parking lot October 10 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., with 500-600 expected in attendance. The museum staff will be arranging to be open during the event and may provide concessions.

At the grand opening of the 7-11 store inside the Chevron Station at Waterloo and Highway 99 Friday, August 1, the Children's Museum Board was given a donation check for \$1,711. The museum provided an art activity for kids after the ribbon cutting. (P & R)

PARKS AND RECREATION DAY

The Mobile Recreation Program, Tree Division, the Children's Museum, Gymnastics and Baton programs joined many other Parks and Recreation programs with displays and activities for kids at the Sherwood Mall Saturday, July 26, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Parks and Recreation Day event was the final event celebrating Parks and Recreation Month in July. Over 400 children participated in arts and crafts projects and games. (P & R)

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Information Technology has updated 45 PC's in the Police Department since July 7th to CityNet III. Information Technology intercepted 77 viruses in the month of July.

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STOCKTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Stockton Fire Department handled 651 calls for service in the week ending July 31.

11	Structure fires
12	Vehicle fires
26	Grass fires
12	HazMat

444 Medical emergencies
43 Vehicle accidents
60 Public assistance
43 Fire alarms
(FD)

CALLS FOR SERVICE

On Thursday, July 24, there was a structure fire at **1177 W Hammer Lane**. The fire began in a pile of cardboard outside the building and spread to the edge of the roof. One firefighter was injured. The cause of the fire was arson and an arrest was made.

On Friday, July 25, there was a structure fire in a multi family-building at **8829 San Pasqual Way**. The fire was caused by the stove and contained to the kitchen area.

On Friday, July 25, there was a search and rescue in the canal at **I-5 and Peltier**. A vehicle was turned upside down with one man in the car.

On Saturday, July 26, there was a structure fire in a single-story, multi-family home at **9358 Kirkby Lane**. The cause was a grease fire on the stove. The fire was contained to the kitchen.

On Saturday, July 26, there was a structure fire in a single-story, single-family building at **2301 Phelps Street**. The cause of the fire was combustibles too close to a heated source. The fire was contained to the laundry room. One person was treated for a laceration that resulted from breaking a window in the house to warn others inside.

On Sunday, July 27, there was a vehicle accident at **State Route 4 and Kaiser Road**. There were two people injured. One patient was treated and transported to the hospital for lacerations to the face and the other for secondary trauma injuries.

On Tuesday, July 29, there was a structure fire in a commercial building at **1005 North El Dorado Street**. The fire was arson and contained to the room in which it originated. One person was held responsible and was transported to the hospital for smoke inhalation.

On Tuesday, July 29, there was a vehicle accident at **West Eight Mile Road and I-5**. The patient was treated and transported to the hospital for complaints of multiple injuries.

On Thursday, July 31, there was a vehicle accident with multiple injuries at 5253 **East Main Street**. Two people were extricated from the vehicle and transported to the hospital. (FD)

ARSON INVESTIGATIONS

Fifty fires were investigated in the last seven days:

3 structures fires: 2 were intentionally burned and 1 was accidentally caused.

11 vehicles were investigated; 8 were accidentally caused, 2 were "Undetermined" and 1 was arson.

36 outdoor fires were investigated; 36 outdoor fires were "Undetermined" and 8 fires were intentionally set.

On July 24 an adult and a juvenile were arrested and charged with burning of 5 dumpsters along Pacific Avenue. In the last month 21 dumpsters have burned along Pacific Avenue between Robinhood Drive and Hammer Lane. On July 24 a fire that was set in a dumpster on Hammer Lane spread to a furniture store causing \$10,000 damage. One firefighter was hospitalized when he fell off a ladder.

On July 29 an adult female was arrested for setting a mattress on fire at the City Motel at 1005 North El Dorado. The fire was isolated to one room and the dollar loss estimate was \$2500. (FD)

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The 2003-2004 City Budget is now available on the City's website at <http://www.stocktongov.com/budget/2003-2004/toc.pdf>. A link was placed on the City's website to the Friends of Smith Canal (www.smithcanal.org).

The HRD pages now include a page on the North Stockton Redevelopment Project Area. Additional links to the Stockton Ports have been added throughout the website. The Police pages now include a page on Stockton Police Youth Activities, including an application. (CM)

SMITH CANAL TASK FORCE

The Smith Canal Task Force continues to move forward on the multi-phase project.

Friday, July 18 and Saturday, July 19, Baylor's skimmed the water and pulled out 4.86 tons of garbage from Yosemite Lake.

Saturday, July 26, was the Neighborhood Clean up. Clean up was the most successful clean up to date. Clean up was coordinated by Randy Norman, Friends of Smith Canal, Susan Loyko, and Fred Satariano. Clean up was staffed by: 60 volunteers, 18 City Staff, 1 County Staff, 9 AWP workers and 6 California Conservation Corp Workers. City Staff included 2 tree crews, 2 AWP crews, MUD, Code Enforcement staff, City Manager Staff and Lt. Smallie. Clean up removed another 4 tons of garbage (items of interest included: 3 additional abated boats, 2 docks, appliances, sofa/chairs, mattresses, furniture frames, a TV, car batteries, tires/rims and shopping carts).

On Thursday, July 31, Pacific Tow, City staff, and two residents of the Smith Canal assisted in a water recovery of a car. (CM)

CITY MANAGER'S MEETINGS AND PRESENTATIONS

I held my respective weekly and bi-weekly meetings with Mayor Podesto; Councilmember Bestolarides; Councilmember Giovanetti; Councilmember Ruhstaller; and Steve Pinkerton.

Roger Storey, Jim Giottonini, Mike Miller, Barbara Anderson & I discussed the Cal Waste issue. Jim Rinehart and I held a meeting with John Thomas, Jack Nagle, Michael Reinsdorf, Greg Thatch, and Bob Herrfeldt of Regent Development. Chief Chavez and I met with the SPOA Board at a luncheon meeting. Roger Storey, Jim Glaser, and I met with Fritz Grupe and Kevin Huber to discuss general vision ideas.

I attended a breakfast meeting with OMI staff. I received an update on CDAT projects from Jim Rinehart. Mayor Podesto, Jim Glaser, Mike Niblock, and I met to discuss a demolition permit regarding 705 N. El Dorado Street. I met with Gary Ingraham, Christine Tien, Johnny Ford, Steve Howlett, Pete Waller, and Jim Malberg to discuss Golf Course Capital Improvements. Chief Gillis, Terry Parker, Jayne Williams, Lori Whittaker, and I met and held a conference call with Art Hartinger to discuss legal issues. Christine Tien, Jayne Williams, Doug Calkins, and I met to discuss the Utility User Tax on Schools.

I attended the Department Head Retreat. I was on annual leave July 31 and August 1. (CM)

HAVE A GOOD WEEKEND!

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